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DT04 Rec'd PCT/PTO 29 SEP 2004In the claims:

Please amend the claims as shown below:

1. (Original) A method for using the Internet to facilitate
5 a transaction between a customer and at least one supplier of
music scores to discourage illegal copying of music scores,
comprising:
associating suppliers (26, 28, 30) of music scores with a
music score service unit (18);
10 a customer (12) contacting a website (16) of the service unit
(18) and sending a request signal (19) to the website (16) to
obtain a music score (20);
the service unit (18) receiving the signal (19) and the
service unit (18) digitally searching for the music score
15 (20) in a database (22) to determine whether the music score
(20) is available in the database (22);
when no copy of the music score (20) being available in the
database (22), the unit (18) sending request signals (24a-c)
to the suppliers (26, 28, 30);
20 the suppliers (26, 28, 30) sending back an affirmation signal
(32) to the service unit (18) when a digital copy (35) of the
music score (20) is available from the suppliers;
the service unit (18) receiving the affirmation signal (32);
the service unit (18) sending a delivery request signal (41)
25 to the supplier (28);
the supplier (28) sending the digital copy (35) of the music

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score (20) to the service unit (18); and
the service unit (18) receiving the digital copy (35) of the
music score (20) and sending a delivery signal (36) to the
customer including the digital copy (35) of the music score
5 (20).

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the
method further comprises the service unit (18) sending the
digital copy (35) to the customer (12) when the digital copy
10 (35) is available in the database (22).

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the
method further comprises the customer (12) pre-paying for the
digital copy (35).

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4. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the
method further comprises the service unit (18) compensating
the supplier (28) with the payment amount received from the
customer (12) minus a service charge.

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5. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the
method further comprises the service unit (18) charging the
customer (12) a reduced fee or no fee at all when the digital
copy (35) is not delivered within a promised time period.

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6. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the

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method further comprises the service unit (18) providing transposition services to the customer (12).

5 7. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises the supplier (28) sending a royalty payment to a copyright control function (33) associated with a copyright owner (34).

10 8. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises the service unit (18) sending a charge signal (37) to the customer (12) to request payment of the digital copy (35) and the customer (12) sending a payment signal (39) to the service unit (18).